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: INK-JET CARTRIDGE, INK)
: SUPPLY DEVICE, METHOD FOR)
: INTRODUCING INK TO INK)
: TANK AND IMAGE RECORDING)
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PT-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

U.S. Patent 5,657,891
Europe 641,594
Europe 646,465
Europe 684,136
Europe 803,364
Europe 906,830

These documents were cited during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the European Search

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Report, which is dated April 22, 2003, is enclosed. In view of this date, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that each document in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	5,657,891	8/19/97	Bilani, et al.	220	256	

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